

HAPPY TAILS

Spring 2019

Upcoming Dates

2019

May 20	DSFCA Meeting
May 25-26	Summer Ball Flyball Tourn. Ramona, CA
Jun 17	DSFCA Meeting
Jul 15	Newsletter Deadline
Jul 17	DSFCA Meeting
Aug 21	DSFCA Meeting
Sep 18	DSFCA Meeting
Oct 11-13	CanAm Flyball Classic (Indianapolis)
Oct 15	Newsletter Deadline
Oct 16	DSFCA Meeting
Nov 20	DSFCA Meeting
Dec 13-15	AKC National Championship & Agility Invit. (Orlando)
Dec 18	DSFCA Meeting

2020

Jan 15	Newsletter Deadline
Jan 15	DSFCA Meeting
Feb 19	DSFCA Meeting
Mar 18	DSFCA Meeting
Mar 27-29	AKC National Agility Champ (Perry, GA)
Apr 15	DSFCA Meeting
Jun 27-28	AKC National Obedience Champ (Wilmington, OH)



President's Message

Welcome to the first issue of our new DSFCA newsletter. Thank you to Carey for agreeing to tackle the endless work of putting a newsletter together! As many of you may know, we are enjoying the first year of a newly merged club. The coming together of the the Danish/Swedish Farmdog Club of America and Danish-Swedish Farmdogs USA created the alternatively punctuated Danish-Swedish Farmdog Club of America. For those who have recently joined our community, a recap of why the merger was initiated, how it commenced and where we are now will help get everyone up to speed.

Why merge DSFCA and DSFUSA?

The AKC contacted DSFCA and DSFUSA in 2017 to let us know that we were fast approaching the required number of FSS registered dogs to begin our entrance into the AKC's Miscellaneous group. This is the step just before full AKC recognition. The AKC informed us that they would only recognize one of our clubs as the parent club representing our breed and that our full acceptance hinged on resolving the two club issue. The AKC asked us to come up with a single club to represent the Danish Swedish Farmdog in the USA. The AKC does not involve itself in choosing a parent club and emphasized that we would NOT be allowed to seek full registration status while two clubs exist.

Formation of Merger Committee

In response and given the common interest in protecting the Danish-Swedish Farmdog as its popularity surges in the USA, the Board of Directors of DSFCA and DSFUSA directed that a Merger Committee be formed. The Merger Committee would report back to each respective board throughout the process of negotiating the merger. The Merger Committee began meeting in February 2018 with nine scheduled meetings. Communication by phone, email and message continued in between meetings.

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Merger Process and Agreements

We agreed, given the cumbersome nature of dissolving and reinstating both club structures (including tax, banking and non-profit status), that blending one club into the other as opposed to starting a third club would make the most sense. It appeared to be most efficient to absorb DSFUSA into the existing DSFCA entity. DSFUSA was dissolved and the membership, treasury, existing documents and all relevant materials were combined into The New Merged DSFCA.

We agreed that the name Danish-Swedish Farmdog Club of America follows the common naming custom for the majority of American dog clubs. After researching the breed's name structure in Europe and in a majority of existing descriptions, it was agreed that a dash instead of a slash would be used when writing Danish-Swedish Farmdog.

We decided The New Merged DSFCA would use the DSFCA name and maintain the legal entity known as DSFCA, INC. We would leave the tax, banking and non profit status as is. We agreed that the timeline for the merger completion would be January 1, 2019. Both clubs wrote a letter to AKC on their existing letterheads stating these intentions. The AKC has approved the new DSFCA, INC. as the official Parent Club for the Danish-Swedish Farmdog in the USA!

We agreed that the new club should be entirely rebranded to facilitate the "refreshing" of the existing DSFCA club structure to include the entire farmdog community. Given the retention of DSFCA name, web addresses and underlying website, it was decided DSFUSA would offer 3 logo options that the respective BODs would choose from. We acknowledged that the membership of the combined clubs could vote at any time in the future to amend the branding, but in order to encourage engagement and to welcome both existing groups, it was decided that an immediate logo change should be enacted.

Merged Club Interim BOD 2019

Due to time constraints and in order to avoid the complexities involved in setting up a Special Election before the clubs were actually merged, both BODs agreed to appoint an interim board to lead the newly merged club for 2019. The Interim BOD would include the Merger Committee in lead positions in order to facilitate their continued work and would include 2 members at large originating from DSFCA and DSFUSA. Our first "normal" election will take place Fall 2019.

So Far...

We have begun tackling an extensive punch list of merger related goals for 2019. The focus for 2019 will be on completing the merger of the two clubs both practically and in spirit. The list of what we've accomplished so far

includes, but is not limited to, the following. Thank you to all who have stepped up to help. We could not do this without you!

- Submitted new bylaws to AKC which are now awaiting final approval.
- Combined our treasuries and memberships.
- Completed basic housekeeping and admin. tasks including locating, listing and securely storing all our legal paperwork, usernames, passwords and financial info with a legal firm.
- Formed a Membership Committee to streamline new member communications and processes.
- Developed clear lines of communication and responsibility for both membership and public outreach.
- Launched a newsletter.
- Updated our website and streamlining social media presence.
- Developed AKC MISC committee to steer the AKC recognition process.

Up Next...

- Ongoing content generation for newsletter, website and social media
- Complete updated Code of Ethics which reflect inclusive breeding guidelines
- Plan fundraising
- Explore holding club events in different parts of the country
- Establish a Historical Committee to archive/digitize all DSFUSA documents and website content and to update club history to include recent merger with agreed upon collaborative mission
- Establish Nominating Committee for upcoming Fall 2019 election

Many Hands Make Light Work

Come help! We have a challenging and exciting time ahead of us with much to accomplish. We are an entirely volunteer based organization and as such ask our working members to contribute much of their precious free time and effort. Most of us are learning about club responsibilities and tasks from each other (and sometimes by the seat of our pants!). We hope that the culture of our newly integrated membership remains supportive, understanding and willing to pitch in wherever and whoever possible.

We encourage constructive questions, comments, criticism and engagement from all. We have some heavy lifting to do in the next few years. We need a collaborative, open and kind community with many hands and strong shoulders to help support our wonderful Farmdogs as they move from the "best kept secret" status to simply "the best"!

Alison Smith, DSFCA President

Recent News & Events

The 2018 AKC Breed Championship, Agility Invitational and Meet the Breed Event held in Orlando, FL was another successful adventure for the Danish-Swedish Farmdogs and their people. What a wonderful venue to meet up with DSF friends that come from all areas of the country. If you have never attended, it is worth the trip. Just about everything you could want, see, or do DOG is at this site.

This past year brought some first time club member faces and their dogs: Sam-E Marion, Jan Harmon, Renee Foster, Alison Smith and Danika Bannasch.

Past Orlando attendees and club members attending: Cynthia Heyman, Aimee Kincaid, Carey Segebart, Bebe Mabry and Dorothy Herman.

Non-club members attending: Casey Roman, Kelly Ansaldo and Jen Giacchi (we need to get these folks on board!)

We had five DSFs showing in the Open Shows: Dorothy's Pip, Aimee's Tchotchke, Carey's Moxie, Danika's Cricket and Cynthia's Connor. What a fine showing of some really nice dogs. Everyone looked great and did a beautiful job of handling and showing. Congratulations on the placements!

There were the dogs entered in the Agility Invitational: Cynthia with Jet and Connor, Kelly with Caper, Bebe and Carey with Trudy, and Jen with Dottie. Again, a very fine showing of all the DSF. They each held their own for three full days of running. The overall winner of the DSFCA sponsored Medallion was Trudy handled by Carey Segebart. Congratulations to all!

Then there was the Meet the Breed booth. MTB in Orlando is really big event. So many people come by the booths and the DSF booth was well attended. It's hard work for the dogs and handlers both with two full days of greeting the public and the construction and take down of the equipment. The DSF booth did receive an award of third place in the FSS/Misc category. A lot of education was presented to the public resulting with several people showing real interest in the breed.

Hope to see more people and dogs again this year in Orlando in early December!

Bebe Mabry, DSFCA Vice President



Club Reports

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Members Only
section to view
Meeting Minutes and
Treasurer's Reports
Forms and Documents >
Documents > BOD (click folder icon)

Membership Report

67
members

Welcome new members:

Danika Bannasch Betty Van Dellen
Deborah Neufeld Renee Foster
Janet Cannon

Registration Report

140

3 generation pedigree
Danish-Swedish
Farmdogs
registered with AKC

DSF Spotlight

MACH ADCH-Br Winstrides' True To Target CM MXB MJB MXF T2B LAA-Br JCH-Silver TM-Silver "Bullet" owned by Debbie Ogg

Fun Facts:

- Bullet has won his way onto the podium many times, but I haven't yet have been able to get him to sit there. Apparently that is the hard part!
- Favorite food: watermelon
- Bullet was 14 months old before he would lie down to sleep voluntarily, but now he enjoys hanging and cuddling.
- Bullet has five commands for jumping, based upon where he is going next, and he knows them better than I do.
- Bullet's favorite game is to chase me through the house. He especially loves it when I close the door behind me and he has to backtrack and go another route.
- Bullet learned his contacts on equipment used in the 2016 world team tryouts in San Jose. Now in 2019, when tryouts are in San Jose again, he will be competing there. I guess the equipment inspired him.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MACH EARNER



Braggs

- **Bullet**, owned by Debbie Ogg of California, earned his AKC Master Agility Championship, Bronze USDAA Agility Championship, and Bronze USDAA Lifetime Achievement Award
- **Chesca**, owned by Renee Foster of Minnesota, was awarded Best in Show Rare Breed Puppy at an IABCA show
- **Harley**, owned by Allison Hunt of California, earned a Group 1 at the AKC Open Show located at the Cow Palace
- **Hunter**, owned by Frances Loccisano Nuzzi of New Jersey, visits the residents of Woodcliff Lake Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center where he performs once a month
- **Jordi Jo**, owned by Bebe Mabry of Iowa, earned her Agility Excellent and Agility Excellent Jumpers titles
- **Koda**, owned by Monique Bocock of Maryland, earned his CGC, Novice Trick and RATO titles
- **Mae**, owned by Monica Turner-McPherson of Wyoming, earned her Canine Good Citizen and Advanced Trick titles
- **Moxie**, owned by Carey Segebart of Iowa, recently earned his Rally Novice, Agility Excellent, and Agility Excellent Jumpers titles
- **Sam Colton**, owned by Janet Willis Cannon of Ohio, earned his S.T.A.R. Puppy, CGC, CCGC, Farmdog Certification, Rally Novice, Rally Intermediate, Trick Dog Novice, Trick Dog Intermediate, ACT1, and Achiever Dog
- **Sussi**, owned by Helene Riisgaard Pedersen formerly of Colorado, was the Veteran World Winner at the FCI World Dog Show in 2018
- **Tchotchke**, owned by Aimee Kincaid of Florida, earned her Certificate of Merit as well as Achiever Dog
- **Trudy**, owned by Bebe Mabry and Carey Segebart of Iowa, earned her Master Excellent Bronze agility title as well as earning the required 7 Double Qs needed to qualify for the 2020 National Agility Championship (continuing to earn the required number of speed points)
- **Willa**, owned by Janet Klapac of Ohio, earned her Acheiver Dog, CGC, FDC, RN, and TKP.



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DSF RECORDS

Certificate of Merit Recipients

1. Stolta Ebbas Oliana Olwen (Olga) - Marty Greer
2. Stolta Ebbas Einride of Sweden (Jet) - Cynthia Heyman
3. Gullvivebackens Cajsa Dot Matrix (Dottie) - Jen Giacchi
4. Flora's Winnemucca Nevada Gertrude (Trudy) - Bebe Mabry and Carey Segebart
5. Valhalla's Pistol (Pistol) - B Coleman
6. Flora's Make a Joyful Noise (Tabitha) - Elaine Alston
7. Woppers Magic Moment (Moxie) - Carey Segebart and Bebe Mabry
8. Winstrides' Truly Great Expectations (Pip) - Dorothy Herman
9. Winstrides' True To Flora (Jordi Jo) - Bebe Mabry and Carey Segebart
10. Winstrides' True To Target (Bullet) - Debbie Ogg
11. Quicksilver's Charmed Glass of Ice Wine (Tchotchke) - Aimee Kincaid

Best In Show Winners

1. Flora's Winnemucca Nevada Gertrude (Trudy) - Bebe Mabry/Carey Segebart
2. Gartnervejens Ingi Af Rind (Pixel) - Jill Heczko
3. Gullvivebackens Cajsa Dot Matrix (Dottie) - Jen Giacchi
4. Winstrides' Truly Great Expectations (Pip) - Dorothy Herman
5. Winstrides' True to Flora (Jordi) - Bebe Mabry/Carey Segebart
6. Woppers Magic Moment (Moxie)- Carey Segebart/Bebe Mabry
7. Flora's Make a Joyful Noise (Tabatha) - Elaine Alston
8. Stolta Ebbas Njord Noatun (Connor) - Cynthia Heyman
9. Kennel of My Dreams Vindaloo's Oona (Oona) - Brita Lemmon
10. Quicksilver's Charmed Glass of Ice Wine (Tchotchke) - Aimee Kincaid

Master Agility Champions

1. Stolta Ebbas Einride of Sweden (Jet) - Cynthia Heyman
2. Stolta Ebbas Njord Noatun (Connor) - Cynthia Heyman
3. Winstrides' True To Target (Bullet) - Debbie Ogg

AKC Agility Invitational Medallion Recipients

1. Gullvivebackens Cajsa Dot Matrix (Dottie) - Jen Giacchi
2. Flora's Winnemucca Nevada Gertrude (Trudy) - Bebe Mabry and Carey Segebart

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